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FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN FROM JOHNSON

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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION IN MIAMI CONFERENCE
ON US-CARIBBEAN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT --
JANUARY 18-21, 1978

1. A SCHEDULED TRIP ABROAD PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO MEXICO
ON JANUARY 20-21, MAY CAUSE THE VICE PRESIDENT TO DECLINE
THE INVITATION TO GIVE THE BANQUET SPEECH AT OUR MIAMI
CONFERENCE ON US-CARIBBEAN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOP-
MENT. WE WILL KNOW DEFINITELY IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. WE
WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE THE VICE PRESIDENT, IF NECESSARY,
WITH A USG OFFICIAL THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO THE AMERICAN
BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND TO THE CARIBBEAN LEADERS THE HIGH
PRIORITY THIS GOVERNMENT IS GIVING TO THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

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FOR THIS REASON, WE PROPOSE INVITING THE SECRETARY (AND
ALTERNATIVELY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB) TO PROVIDE THE SPEECH
IN PLACE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY
20TH. WHAT FOLLOWS, FOR YOUR APPROVAL, IS AN ACTION MEMOR-
ANDUM TO THE SECRETARY PROPOSING THIS. SINCE IT INVOLVES
THE SECRETARY'S TIME BEFORE A DOMESTIC FORUM HODDING CARTER
SHOULD SIGN WITH YOU. OBVIOUSLY, THIS MEMO WILL MOVE FOR-

WARD ONLY IF CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT CANNOT ATTEND. HODDING HAS APPROVED THIS MEMO.

2. PROPOSED ACTION MEMORANDUM: TO: THE SECRETARY,
THROUGH: P- MR. HABIB, FROM: TERENCE A. TODMAN/PA:
HODDING CARTER, SUBJECT: YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MIAMI
CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
-- JANUARY 20, 1978.

ISSUE FOR DECISION -- WHETHER YOU SHOULD ADDRESS THIS
CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 20, 1978.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS -- THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS,
THE CITY OF MIAMI, THE PRIVATE-SECTOR ORGANIZATION CALLED
THE COMMITTEE ON THE CARIBBEAN HEADED BY TESORO PETRO-
LEUM CHAIRMAN DR. ROBERT WEST AND CALIFORNIA LT. GOVERNOR
DYMALLY, AND THE FLORIDA DEPT OF COMMERCE ARE JOINTLY
SPONSORING A MAJOR CONFERENCE AT THE FOUR AMBASSADORS
HOTEL IN MIAMI ON JANUARY 18-21, 1978 TO EXAMINE AND
PROMOTE THE U.S. PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTORS ROLE IN CARIB-
BEAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS EVENT IS ONE OF A
SERIES OF CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORED BY THIS BUREAU IN
SELECTED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO ENHANCE LINKAGES
AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRIVATE
SECTORS. THE CONFERENCES ARE NOT NECESSARILY RELATED
TO SPECIFIC US GOVERNMENT POLICY INITIATIVES. PREVIOUS
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CONFERENCES HAVE ATTRACTED LARGE AUDIENCES PRIMARILY
FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO FROM ACADEMIA,
LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND THE INTERESTED PUBLIC.
THE PROGRAMS HAVE FEATURED SPEAKERS LIKE BARBADOS PRIME
MINISTER ADAMS, COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER, MEXICAN
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE SOLANA, AND A NUMBER OF US SENATORS
AND CONGRESSMEN.

THIS CONFERENCE IN JANUARY IS OUR SECOND FOCUSING ON THE
CARIBBEAN (THE FIRST WAS IN TAMPA LAST JUNE) TO EXAMINE
THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF OUR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AS
WELL AS THE BROADER POLICY DIMENSIONS. YOUR PRESENCE
AT THIS EVENT WOULD HELP DEMONSTRATE TO THE AMERICAN
BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND CARIBBEAN LEADERS THE SERIOUSNESS
WITH WHICH THIS ADMINISTRATION APPROACHES THE PROBLEMS
OF ITS CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PROVIDE
THE MAJOR ADDRESS AT THE CONFERENCE AT 8:00 P.M. ON
FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20TH.

WE URGE YOUR PARTICIPATION SINCE WE HAVE INVITED FOUR
CHIEFS OF STATE FROM THE CARIBBEAN REGION--PRIME MINISTER
ERIC WILLIAMS FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, PRESIDENT JOAQUIN

BALAGUER FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PRESIDENT DANIEL
ODUBER FROM COSTA RICA AND PRIME MINISTER LYNDEN PINDLING
FROM THE BAHAMAS. TODMAN WILL BE DELIVERING THE OPENING
ADDRESS ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19TH. CONGRESSMAN

FASCELL (D-FLORIDA) AND MAYOR MAURICE FERRE ARE ALSO
ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND SUPPORTIVE OF THIS EVENT. FASCELL
WOULD INTRODUCE YOU.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITA-
TION TO DELIVER THE JANUARY 20TH ADDRESS BECAUSE OF A
PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

RECOMMENDATION -- THAT YOU AGREE TO PROVIDE THE KEYNOTE
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MENT IN MIAMI AT THE FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL. APPROVE----
DISAPPROVE----

OR ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU DESIGNATE UNDER SECRETARY HABIB
TO APPEAR IN YOUR STEAD. APPROVE---- DISAPPROVE----

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